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Borough of Marlborough



Annual Reports

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH  
AND  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1967



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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
(as at December, 1967)

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Councillor A. V. Gray

Councillor E. J. Quarterman

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

F. D. F. STEEDE, M.B., B.CH., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

H. C. YEOMAN, M.I.P.H.E., M.INST.H.E., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

W. H. JONES, M.A.P.H.I.

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Miss G. M. Boswell

Clerk (Borough P.H.) Office:

Mrs. T. Holbrook

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The Medical Officer of Health acts in a similar capacity for the Rural Districts of Amesbury, Pewsey, and Marlborough and Ramsbury. These combined districts have a population of 69,120 and an area of 235,289 acres. They have appointed a Joint Committee, The East Wilts. United Districts (Medical Officer of Health) Committee, to deal with all matters relating to the office of Medical Officer of Health. The Medical Officer of Health also performs duties for the Wiltshire County Council under the National Health Service, Education and Mental Health Acts.





# BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

## ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1967

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Council Offices,  
1 The Green,  
Marlborough.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1967, which is compiled on similar lines as last year. I am grateful to Mr. Yeoman the Chief Public Health Inspector for his report which is included. I am also indebted to Dr. Lycett, the County Medical Officer for supplying details of immunisation procedures carried out during the year, and to Mr. Hampshire, the Water Engineer, Borough of Swindon for supplying me with a summary of bacterial and chemical analysis.

Marlborough is situated on the river Kennet at an elevation approximately 470 feet above sea level, and although a small Borough, has an importance which is not related to its size.

Primarily a shopping centre, the town is also an important educational centre, as in addition to Marlborough College there is the Grammar School dating from 1550, and also a Secondary Modern School in modern buildings in excellent surroundings. The livelihood of the population is provided in the main by work in local trades and services, a little light industry, agricultural pursuits, and further afield the industrial town of Swindon. There is a flourishing catering industry to meet the needs of the many visitors to the town, which provides employment, much of it on a part time and seasonal basis.

The town is very fortunate in having a good hospital of 72 beds within two miles of the centre, in pleasant surroundings, which provides general hospital services and a first class maternity unit.

This year the population estimate shows an increase of 100, which is due to mainly new development.

The general health of the town is satisfactory. The birth rate is again slightly above the national average, although a little lower than the rate for last year. One disturbing feature however, is the increase in the number of illegitimate births, which now accounts for over eleven per cent of all births.

The number of deaths are nineteen less than last year, which gives a death rate below the national figure. There were only two infant deaths, one of these was due to prematurity and occurred in a hospital outside the district, while the other occurred in a child who had been resident in the Convalescent Home, and was due to a congenital cause. These two deaths however, were enough to double the rate and bring it above the national average, and once again I make no apology for emphasising the fact that this rate is not of significance statistically. The number of deaths show a reduction, but deaths from cancer are increased by seven.

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There were three deaths from lung cancer, the youngest in a male aged 54 years. Although cigarette smoking remains the all important factor in the causation of lung cancer, in recent years we have become aware that exposure to inhalation of asbestos dust may result in the development of a highly malignant growth of the living membranes of the lung. As in some cases the history of exposure to asbestos dust seems to be trivial, there seems the need for greater attention to be paid to measures to reduce this dust hazard outside the factory, particularly in the building industry and for those engaged in demolition work. Cigarette smoking however, as has been said, still remains the most important factor in lung cancer; nevertheless, many experienced physicians nowadays are even more concerned by the amount of general lung damage, particularly in those of their patients with chronic bronchitis, and by the increasing incidence of coronary heart disease which is attributable to this habit.

Sonne dysentery again became prevalent for the second successive year, and was dealt with by conventional methods of which the attention paid to personal hygiene in the schools was probably the most effective single preventive measure. In one case the disease was spread by a food handler, who prepared the food for a private party, at a time when she was in the early stage of the disease, to at least thirteen people out of about 80 at risk. This incident underlines the need for strict personal hygiene for those engaged in food handling, whether in the home or the restaurant, and I should like to see a wash-hand basin provided for in the kitchen of all new homes.

Vaccination figures for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis are good, for which the County Health Department deserve great credit. I am glad to know that the introduction of general vaccination against measles is on the way, since this disease nowadays, although usually mild, is not necessarily always so, is the cause of more deaths than any other infectious disease and places a great strain on the family doctor service during an epidemic.

Housing conditions are on the whole reasonably good. I should like to see greater use made of the improvement grant procedure, as I shall never be satisfied until every family is housed in accommodation of adequate size with basic modern amenities. The Council themselves own properties which are deficient in such respects, but the plan to improve these, in all 200 or so, at the rate of 50 per annum is now well in hand. Perhaps some way of speeding up this programme may be found, although staff shortage and finance together combine to make this rather unlikely. The outstanding achievement in the housing field has been the completion by the Council of the old peoples grouped combined flatlets and bungalow scheme with community facilities and a Warden. This is clearly an unqualified success, and will bring great benefit in allowing many old persons to live an independent life in pleasant surroundings close to the centre of the town. Although no figures are available at the time of writing for the number of applicants on the Council housing list, circumstances do not appear to have differed much from last year's figures when there was a total of 226, including 97 addresses outside the Borough and 42 from old people.

The Council of Community Services has had another active year, and has given valuable support to a number of projects including the Meals on Wheels Service, which is organized by the W.R.V.S. I was particularly grateful to Mr. Spray, the Chairman of the Community Council for making arrangements with Marlborough College to provide cooking facilities in a House kitchen, if required at a time of crisis. In the meantime the W.R.V.S. had made arrangements for cooking the meals themselves, in a member's kitchen, which has worked very satisfactorily, but I am sure this offer will be remembered if the demand for this service increases. The Community Council also supported the proposed formation of a luncheon club for the elderly, and the provision of emergency flashing lights for persons at special risk living alone, which were kindly provided by the Marlborough Old Folk Association, and are supervised by the B.R.C.S.



The water supply and sewerage are dealt with in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. During the year regular sampling of water has been undertaken by the Public Health Department at my request. The difficulties which are being experienced with regard to sewerage cannot be overcome without the implementation of the extension to the works and sewer proposed.

I am grateful to the Council for arranging more time to be spent on routine public health work, although I remain convinced that the only satisfactory long term answer is the creation of a separate public health department, to which might be given such additional duties as the administrative responsibility for the maintenance and preparation of the applicants list for Council house tenants, with or without the other aspects of housing management, as the Council might think fit.

In concluding this report I should like to thank members of the Council, especially the members of the Health Committee, for their continued support. I would also like to thank all officers of the Council for their co-operation and courtesy, particularly Mr. Yeoman and his staff. I am grateful to Dr. Lishman who acts as my Deputy. I am also very grateful to Dr. Wormald and his staff at the Public Health Laboratory, Odstock for their continued co-operation, often at very short notice. Finally I should like to thank my clerical assistant, Miss Boswell for her help and co-operation, particularly for her work in preparing this annual report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. M. L. S. Green', written in a cursive style.

Medical Officer of Health





# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH

The elevation of the Borough is around 450 feet above sea level

Area of the Borough in acres .....	1,496
Population, Registrar-General's mid-year estimation .....	5,910
Number of inhabited houses and flats .....	1,715
Rateable value as at 1/4/67 .....	£221,268
Value of penny rate as at 1/4/67 .....	£806

<u>VITAL STATISTICS:</u>	M.	F.	Total
Live Births - legitimate .....	31	40	71
illegitimate .....	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
Totals	<u>35</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>80</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population .....			13.5
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births .....			11.2
Stillbirths - legitimate .....	1	-	1
illegitimate .....	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .....			24.0
Total live and stillbirths .....	36	46	82
Deaths .....	26	32	58
Death rate per 1,000 population .....			9.8
Infant deaths under one year - legitimate .....	-	1	1
illegitimate .....	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....			25.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....			14.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ....			111.0
Neonatal deaths (under four weeks) - legitimate .....	-	-	-
illegitimate .....	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live births .....			12.5
Early neonatal deaths (under one week) - legitimate .....	-	-	-
illegitimate .....	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Early neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....			12.5
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .....			37.0
Maternal mortality rate (including abortion) .....			nil

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Infant deaths	-	2	4	1	2
Infant mortality rate	-	25.3	55.6	10.9	25.0





## CAUSES OF DEATH, 1967

Cause of Death		Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other .....	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease .....	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria .....	-	-	-
5.	Whooping cough .....	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections .....	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis .....	-	-	-
8.	Measles .....	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasms, stomach .....	3	1	4
11.	" " lung, bronchus .....	2	1	3
12.	" " breast .....	-	3	3
13.	" " uterus .....	-	1	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms..	6	4	10
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes .....	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	2	6	8
18.	Coronary disease, angina .....	3	2	5
19.	Hypertension with heart disease .....	-	1	1
20.	Other heart disease .....	-	5	5
21.	Other circulatory disease .....	-	3	3
22.	Influenza .....	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia .....	1	-	1
24.	Bronchitis .....	2	-	2
25.	Other disease of respiratory system .....	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .....	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis .....	1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate .....	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations .....	-	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	4	3	7
33.	Motor vehicle accidents .....	1	1	2
34.	All other accidents .....	-	-	-
35.	Suicide .....	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war .....	-	-	-
All causes .....		26	32	58

## Comparison with England and Wales

per 1,000 population		per 1,000 Live Births	per 1,000 Total Births
Live Births (Adjusted)	Death Rate (Adjusted)	Infant Mortality	Stillbirths
Marlborough Borough	17.7	10.0	25.0
England and Wales	17.2	11.2	18.3
			24.0
			14.8



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH  
(as at December, 1967)

General Practitioners:

Dr. J. B. Maurice, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	) The Surgery,
Dr. T. K. Maurice, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G.)	High Street,
Dr. T. R. Maurice, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	) Marlborough.
Dr. R. O. Wheeler, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	) Tel: Marl- borough 2187

Hospitals:

Savernake Hospital. Tel. Marlborough 2101  
Children's Convalescent Hospital. Tel. Marlborough 2271  
Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon. Tel. Swindon 6231  
Stratton St. Margaret's Hospital. Tel. Stratton St. Margaret 3331

Public Health Laboratory:

Odstock Hospital, Salisbury. (Dr. P. Wormald) Tel: Salisbury 6020

County Council Health Department Services:

(a) Ambulance Facilities:

This service is based in Swindon. dial 999

(b) Chiropody Service: This is mainly a domiciliary service.

(c) Clinics:

Cervical Cytology Clinic,	First and third Tuesday of each month
Health Clinic, 8 Kingsbury Street,	2.15 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.
Marlborough,	
Tel: Marlborough 2832	

Dental Clinic	By appointment.
Health Clinic, 8 Kingsbury Street,	
Marlborough.	
Tel: Marlborough 2832	

Maternity and Child Welfare,	Third Wednesday of each month
Health Clinic, 8 Kingsbury Street,	2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Marlborough.	
Tel: Marlborough 2832	

(d) District Nurse/Midwife:

Nurse Nightingale, 4 Barrow Close, Elcot Lane, Marlborough.  
Tel: Marlborough 2546

(e) Health Visitors:

Miss B. Poulter, Pear Tree Cottage, Great Bedwyn. Tel: Great Bedwyn 283  
Miss E. Chesney, The Barn, Easton Royal. Tel: Burbage 248  
Miss J. Bown, Corner Cottage, Manningford Bruce. Tel: Pewsey 2221

(f) Mental Welfare Officer: 66 New Park Street, Devizes. Tel: Devizes 3629

County Council Welfare Department:

Area Welfare Officer:

Mr. A. P. A. Tucker, A.I.S.W., 66 New Park Road, Devizes. Tel: Devizes 3628

Residential Homes:

Coombe End House, London Road, Marlborough. Tel: Marlborough 2075

County Council Children's Department:

The Area Children's Officer, 29 Milton Road, Swindon. Tel: Swindon 4998





# IMMUNISATION STATISTICS, 1967

## Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus Immunisation

Year of Birth		1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962-58	1952-57	Others Under 16
Primary immunisations completed during 1967	Diph.	30	36	3	-	-	4	1	-
	Wh/c.	30	34	3	-	-	3	1	-
	Tet.	30	36	3	-	-	5	9	3
Reinforcing injections administered during 1967	Diph.	-	28	40	5	2	62	1	-
	Wh/c.	-	10	11	2	2	15	1	-
	Tet.	-	28	40	6	2	70	36	13

## Smallpox vaccination

Age Group	Months				Years		
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	2	22	5	3
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

## Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Age Group	3rd Quad.	2nd inj.	3rd inj. or 4th Quad.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 inj.	4th oral after 3 inj. or 3 oral
1967	-	-	-	-	31	-	-
1966	-	-	-	-	36	-	21
1965	-	-	-	-	3	-	18
1964	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
1963	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
1958-1962-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
1952-1957	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	72	-	139





WATER SUPPLY, 1967

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF FINAL WATER

RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION (p.p.m.)

<u>Date</u> <u>of</u> <u>Sample</u>	<u>Chlorides</u>	<u>Non Carbonate</u> <u>Hardness</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Hardness</u>	<u>Nitrate</u> <u>Nitrogen</u>	<u>Nitrite</u> <u>Nitrogen</u>	<u>Ammoniacal</u> <u>Nitrogen</u>	<u>Albuminoid</u> <u>Nitrogen</u>	<u>Oxygen</u> <u>Absorbed</u>
6 July 67	7	15	240	3.5	absent	0.03	0.00	0.10

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BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

<u>Water</u>	<u>Total no. of Samples</u>	<u>Samples in which Coliforms were absent</u> <u>in 100 ml.</u>	<u>Samples in which Bact. Coli Type 1</u> <u>were absent in 100 ml.</u>
Final	50	No. 50 % 100	No. 50 % 100

Note: Chlorinating arrangements were such that raw water samples could not be taken.



CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1967

Disease	Total cases all ages	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Analysis of total cases in age group											Age un-known	
				Under one Year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-64		65+
Anthrax.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	98	-	-	1	3	6	4	6	47	7	6	11	4	2	1	-
Acute encephalitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	131	-	-	8	11	10	23	21	55	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid fevers.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough.....	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	236	2	-	10	14	16	27	27	102	7	8	11	8	5	1	-



BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1967

Telephone: Marlborough 3296

Council Offices,  
1 The Green,  
Marlborough.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my nineteenth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health department. The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's circular 1/68 dated the 2nd January 1968. There were no staff changes during the year but a decision was taken in December to appoint an additional Technical Assistant in the combined office, thus allowing more time to be spent on public health duties. This arrangement will take effect on the 1st February, 1968.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. YEOMAN

Chief Public Health Inspector.

27th February 1968.





## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Food and Drugs Acts

The following premises are registered under section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of Ice Cream	28
Manufacture of Ice Cream	nil
Manufacture and sale of sausages	4
Fish and Chips	1

### Food Premises

There are the following food premises within the Borough:-

Bakehouses	3
Butchers	4
Cafes and Restaurants (unlicensed)	6
Dairies	1
Fishmongers	2
Fried Fish Shops	1
Greengrocers	4
Grocers and General Stores	12
Licensed Premises doing catering	24
Sweets and sugar confectionery	4
Educational establishments	9
Factory Canteens	4

### Condemned Food

The following foods were condemned during the year:-

Fresh meat	26 lbs.
Tinned meat	6 lbs.
Jam	45 lbs.
Miscellaneous tins	49 lbs.
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	126 lbs.
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### Meat Inspection

There are no slaughter-houses in the district and the only meat inspected was in the shops at the butcher's request.

### Food Hygiene Regulations

All the food premises in the High street area received a minimum of two visits during the year. Apart from the work connected with the mobile food vehicles, the food hygiene work was dealt with informally mainly to reduce the clerical and administrative work and avoid delays caused by statutory procedure. A good relationship exists between the department and the traders in the town. The following information is requested in the Ministry's circular:-

#### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

(i) Number of premises	74
(ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	68
(iii) Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	66
(iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	62

### Milk Regulations

There are 7 licensed dealers in the district, viz:

J. M. & H. Paulson, Merlin Rest	Pasteurised
Church Farm Dairy (Marlborough) Ltd.	Pasteurised, Sterilised, U.H.T. Untreated.



B. Foster, 77 High Street	Pasteurised Sterilised
Swindon & District Co-operative	Pasteurised Sterilised U.H.T.
J. P. O'Keefe, 12 The Parade	Pasteurised
Stratton, Sons and Mead	Pasteurised
A. J. Baden, 18 St. Martins	Pasteurised

All premises have been inspected regularly, and sampling has been carried out in accordance with the delegation agreement. 82 samples were taken and all passed the statutory test. Four samples of raw milk were also taken.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There is only 1 licensed site within the Borough with a total of 2 caravans. The site has been inspected and is well maintained.

### HOUSING

#### Council Housing

During the year the Grouped Old Persons Development in St. Martins was completed and was named York Place. The development comprises 11 flats, 4 bungalows, a flat for the Warden and a Communal Room etc.

#### Private Housing

44 houses were completed during the year giving a total of 323 houses since 1945. At the end of the year a further 39 houses were under construction.

#### Improvement Grants

During 1967 applications were approved as follows:-

17 Discretionary Grants	- total value £6525	10. 0.
5 Standard Grants	- total value £ 768	10. 0.

#### Housing Act, 1951

An undertaking under section 16 was received in respect of one house.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

Delivery was taken in July of a new PAXIT IIA Refuse Vehicle, and refuse collections have consequently been much improved. The collection schedule was revised, but all parts of the district continue to have a weekly collection, and all cafes, restaurants etc. have a twice weekly collection. Separate collections of salvage have been discontinued. Disposal by burning and controlled tipping at the Portfields site continues to be satisfactory.

### PETROLEUM

There were 21 licensed premises in the Borough at the end of 1967.

### RODENT CONTROL

57 complaints of rodent infestation were received during the year, 11 of which came from business premises. The work of rodent control is carried out by the Foreman, under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

### SEWERAGE

The Council's Consulting Engineers submitted a scheme to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on the 14th September for Improvements to the Disposal Works and to the sewerage system as a whole. The Works are still overloaded and the





effluent does not meet the requirements of the Thames Conservancy. The pumping plant at Manton is also overloaded. The estimated cost of the entire scheme is now £165,000.

### FACTORIES

35 inspections were made during the year, and the details are set out in the appendix to this report.

### WATER SUPPLY

Swindon Corporation are the water authority for the district. 4 Bacteriological samples were taken during the year and all proved satisfactory.

### SWIMMING BATH

The open air swimming bath was open to the public from the 6th May to the 16th September, and continued to operate satisfactory. Heating plant was installed at the end of the season, and it is hoped to maintain, in future, a water temperature of 70° F.

### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The registration of all the premises required to be registered under the Act was completed, together with 10 new registrations. A total of 218 informal inspections were made, no statutory proceedings were taken, and no accidents reported.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The two outbreaks of Dysentery during the year gave the department a considerable amount of work in investigation work and sampling. 162 families in the Borough were involved, 824 samples taken and sent to the Laboratory, and 153 of these proved positive.





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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE BOROUGH OF  
MARLBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE:

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises		Number on Register	Number of		
			Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	14	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	58	21	-	-
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total		64	35	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector  (4)	By H.M. Inspector  (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-



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	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)      By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Sections 133 and 134)

reference Outworkers -

1. (Glove Making)







